

## Community Assessment Program Area 3 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on December 3, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is bounded on the east (north of Bull Mountain Road) by the rear boundaries of the properties along Hazeltree Terrace, Hazelhill Drive and 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It is bounded on the north by Gaarde Street and the southerly property lines of the properties west of Gaarde Street. It is bounded on the west by the rear of the properties adjacent to 132<sup>nd</sup> Terrace and Starview Drive, and on the south by Bull Mountain Road and the boundaries of the Thornwood subdivision.

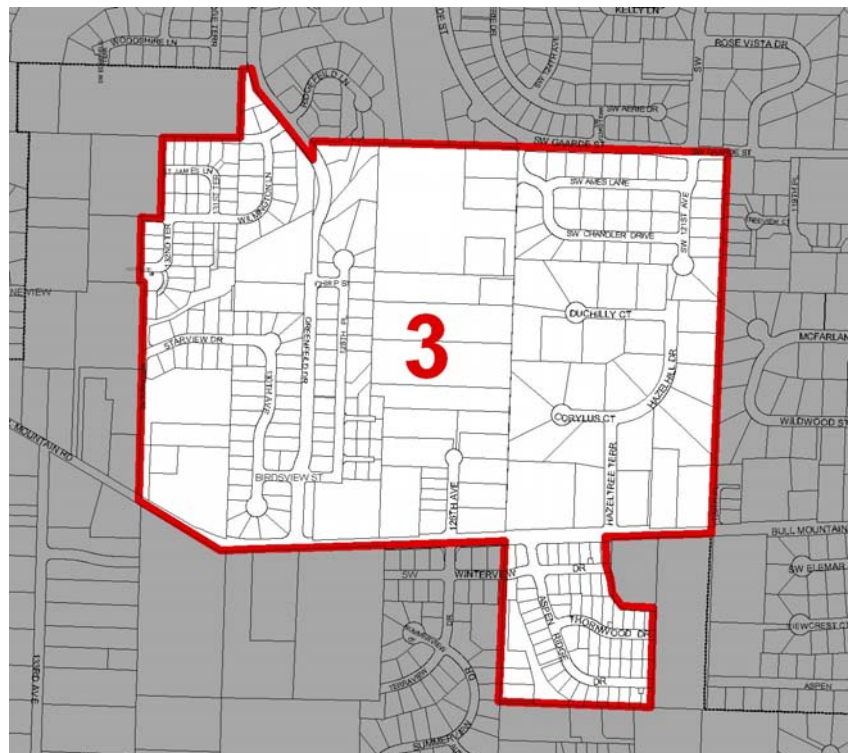
Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – The walkers were very impressed with the quality of landscaping in this area, as well as the well maintained homes and yards. Kudos to everyone in this area for doing such a great job of maintaining their homes and yards!

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix cracks re-stripe lane markings, etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Vegetation blocking fire hydrants** – There was one example where vegetation/landscaping had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us)

Map of Area 3



**“Stop” sign down** – the walkers noticed one example where a stop sign had been removed. The Public Works department has been asked to re-install the sign. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**“No Parking” signs removed** - There was also a report that “No Parking” signs had been removed. Please remember that street signs are installed because they are necessary to address known safety issues. Parking on streets that are too narrow can not only create traffic flow problems but can also impede the swift delivery of emergency vehicles. Our Engineering Department has been asked to go to the reported area and follow-up. For more information, contact City Engineer Gus Duenas at 639-4171 ext 2470 or [gus@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:gus@ci.tigard.or.us)

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.